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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: PELLETIER et al.

Title: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS  
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STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS  
GENE AND ITS ENCODED  
PROTEIN STAAU\_R9

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Sir:

This communication is in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed August 12, 2003.

The Examiner identified 8 groups of claims, and required the election of one of those groups for prosecution in this application. In response, Applicant elects claim Group I, encompassing claims 66-72 and 84-91, with traverse.

Respectfully submitted,

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